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Lester Snow
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow,

Several years ago I wrote a book, San Joaquin - A River Betrayed, detailing the tragic destruction of the heartland river of California.

I don't know if you read this book or not. It simply details how greed and ignorance destroyed this great river system and the natural hydrology of this state.

Obviously neither you or I can be held responsible for that tragedy. But future generations will judge us by what we do to rectify those errors - the sins of our fathers.

I need not tell you that as the director of the CalFed process that you have a crucial role to play. It is my greatest hope that you will be able to orchestrate a 21st Century approach that will reflect a new era of stewardship and citizenship to this difficult and complex problem.

As a 70-year resident of this state all I can tell you is that we do not need more of the same kind of facilities that got us into this situation. We don't need any more silted up canals and reservoirs. More storage facilities and new conveyances will only demand still more. They will not solve the problem but only postpone and exacerbate it. What we need is some environmental restoration and conservation. We need a smarter alternative.

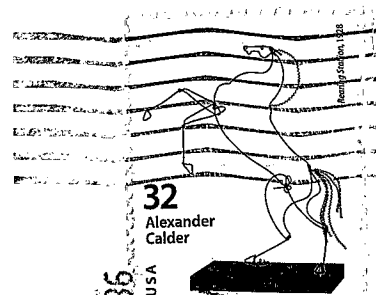
I hope you will find the personal courage and commitment to get us there. Thank you,



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